

APRIL 18, 2021

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We hope your visit here will be a prayerful time as you enjoy the lakes region.

Please consider St. Joseph's as your church away from home. Contact us at the Parish Office if we may serve you in any way.

We are committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and invite you to join us! May the Holy Spirit lead us in living as a welcoming Catholic community.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

3:30 pm Sat;

7:30 am & 9:30 am Sun

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE:

Winter

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m.

Summer

Saturday at 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Are you new to the community?
Would you like to join St. Joseph Parish? Just fill out the coupon below and return to the office or in the collection basket.

NAME: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Pioneer Theatre

Downtown Milford
Movie Hotline: 1-515-207-2306

Assistance at Mass

• Since Easter we have been able to have Mass servers assist with Mass. If your child has been trained as a Mass server and would like to continue helping out at weekend Masses please call the office so that we can put them on the schedule. Students serving Mass is a wonderful way to get our young people involved in our prayer. This summer we hope to be able to get a new crew of servers trained.

• The Knights of Columbus have been doing a great job helping with ushering at our Masses these last months. We are seeking some individuals, couples or families who would be interested in acting as ushers for each of our weekend Masses. Please call the office if you are interested and willing to help with this great and important service.

• We have wonderful Lectors here at St. Joseph's. If you are interested in serving as a regularly scheduled Lector at weekend Masses please give us a call. We can give you a bit of an introduction and get you on the schedule.

Sanitizing the Church After Mass

We invite some volunteers that can spare a few minutes to stay after each Mass to help us sanitize our pews. Making our Church as safe and sanitary as possible is an important part of our response to the dangers of the pandemic. It takes only a few minutes. This could be a great "teaching" tool for parents to lead their children to learn the importance of community service. With lots of help the project takes only a few minutes. Disposable wipes are available in the confessional and in the ushers closet.

Redeemable Can Collection

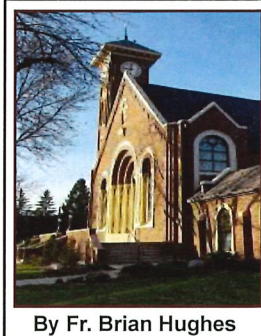
On the west side of our parking lot near our sheds we have a trailer that provides a place for parish members to bring their redeemable cans and bottles. Every few weeks we redeem the donated cans and use the refunds to assist us in our youth ministry projects. A big thanks to Teresa Goehring for leading this very successful project. Thanks to all of you who drop their cans off for this fundraising project.

Welcome Back

Each week we see folks who are returning to weekly Mass attendance. This is a positive and encouraging development. Wearing a mask and sanitizing our hands can go a long way to help keep us all safe. New variants of the virus are passing among us and just because we have been inoculated against the virus it does not mean that we won't be carriers. Let us work together to keep each other safe. Welcome back everyone. It is great to have you here.

Roof Repairs

Workmen were here this week to repair some winter storm damage to the roof of the Church. Shingles



By Fr. Brian Hughes

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, April 19

6:30 p.m.: Blue Water Quilters meet in the overflow room.

7 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall.

Tuesday, April 20

5:30 p.m.: Mass

Wednesday, April 21

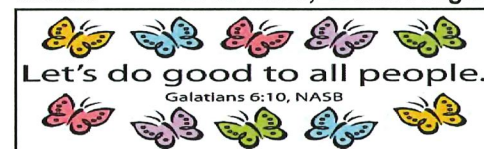
3:45 p.m.: Rel. Ed. for grades K-4.

7 p.m.: Rel. Ed. for grades 5-12.

Thursday, April 22

8 a.m.: Bible Study, Nazareth

THANK YOU to all who assisted and attended the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Fri, March 21. We served nearly 400. There may be another fish fry this fall. Watch for details. **Brad Shell, Grand Knight**



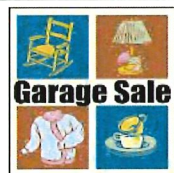
Father Hughes

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near the tower became dislodged during an ice storm. Also, we are in the process of acquiring bids to replace the roof on the Rectory. The roof there is beginning to deteriorate and we want to stay ahead any problems. Many thanks to our Buildings and Grounds Committee that keeps close tabs on the maintenance of our beautiful buildings.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tues., April 20 but there will be Mass at 5:30 p.m. This change is for this week only.

ITEMS are now being accepted for our annual Treasure Chest garage sale. The first one will be Fri., May 28 and Sat., May 29. To make an appointment if you have items to contribute, please call Cheryl Aumer at 712-331-4303.



WE are undertaking a rekeying of our entire complex. With-



in the next three weeks, existing keys will no longer function. If you have reason to need a key for any part of the building please drop by the office and fill out a form to request a key.

FAITH FORMATION

By Sharon Mayer

It was a busy and splendid Sunday last week! We began it with four new people joining our church at the 8 a.m. Mass. They are Becky Bortvit, Jeannie Fetrow, Shannon Kunert and Myra Reding. Congratulations and welcome to the Catholic faith. Then that afternoon we witnessed 10 second graders make their First Holy Communion. Pictures of everyone are on our website. In addition, Fr. Hughes had a Baptism that morning. The importance of our Sacraments was certainly visible that day.

This coming Wednesday evening, we will present the Gifts of the Holy Spirit workshop to our ninth graders who will be in final preparation for Confirmation beginning this coming September. I am asking for people of the parish to again assist in this workshop by taking a station and working through it with the students. It will occur during their class time from 6:45 to 8 p.m. this Wednesday. All ninth graders seeking Confirmation should attend this workshop. Confirmation is our Sacrament that completes Baptism. It imparts the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to us and allows us to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I have often said to people and in my articles that my job in bringing the faith to the people is only possible with the help of the Holy Spirit. This third person of the Trinity is present with me every day and I am so grateful for it. I was Confirmed from this parish in sixth grade. I was so scared to answer questions from our Bishop. They have gotten away from that in this Diocese, but still, a student is saying yes to wanting to know their faith and agreeing to be active in that faith. Even at my young age I knew what that meant.

Okoboji school prom is this Sat. April 24. It is tradition that we invite students to the 4:30 Mass and take a picture of the group prior to Mass. Please mention this to your student.

The last day of religious education is Wednesday, April 28. We will close with Mass for both sessions and a light lunch /supper for the students. Family Formation has closed for the year. Many thanks to Sara Anderson for facilitating that group and to my many Catechists for their weekly devotion to teaching our faith to students.

On May 2nd we will give a send off to our graduating seniors at the 10:00 am Mass. Again, this is tradition followed by a breakfast for the families in the parish center. We could not do these things last year but are allowed this year.

Our summer Bible school begins June 15. There are registration forms and a volunteer sheet at the back of the church, on Facebook and on our website. Please help if you can in the mornings. Our theme is on St. Joseph.

Looking forward to planning another year.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to our visitors who are worshipping with us this weekend. May your time in the lakes region be special.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 24 @ 4:30 p.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Chris Jones

LECTOR: David Johnson

SERVERS: Jaden Heller, Jocelyn Heller

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, April 25 @ 8 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Jerilyn Streit

LECTOR: Darlene Moritz

SERVERS: Will Anderson, Kailee Herman

USHERS: KC's

Sunday, April 26 @ 10 a.m.

EMES: Fr. Hughes and Erin Lorch

LECTOR: Aaron Lorch

SERVERS: Jack Laven, Austin Harms

USHERS: Jim and Irene McCoy

WELCOME to the Catholic Faith to Francesca Louise Modder, daughter of Scott

and Emily (Lorch) Modder, who received the Sacrament of Baptism Sun., April 11 at St. Joseph.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ Thank you to those who helped with First Communion, Catechist Faith Garcia, Mary Hanigan for the special masks, Cain and the praise band members, Susan Reiser for the photographs, Fr. Hughes for the wonderful Mass, and the parents for their teaching and faith at home.

✓ Thank you to Funeral Group #8 for serving the +Dr. Steve Christensen funeral luncheon on Mon., April 5. Your willingness to assist a family in need is truly appreciated. Funeral Group #1 will handle the next funeral luncheon.



PRAY for these members: Sherri Jones, Mary Dunleavy, Pat O'Brien, Alberta Nolan, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Roger Wittrock, Rick DeMuth, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

PLEASE pray for these special persons: Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick, Vogel, Clark Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Gidget Halbur, Glen Luchtel, Esther Morris, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Kristin Meyer, Leo Trebbien, Kevin Wittrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Sara Springer, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ann Willette, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel Wedeking, Dan Mulder, Leah Brevik, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 17

4:30 p.: +Richard Mulder

Sunday, April 18

8 a.: Pro Po Po Lo

10 a.: +DeEtte Graettinger

Monday, April 19

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, April 20

5:30 p.: +Irene Clark

Wednesday, April 21

7:30 a.: +Betty Newman

Thursday, April 22

7:30 a.: +Janet Hodapp

Friday, April 23

7:30 a.: +Bev Sporrer

Saturday, April 24

4:30 p.: +Rita Wuebker

+Tom Wuebker

+Sharon Hartnett

Sunday, April 25

8 a.: Pro Po Po Lo

10 a.: +Bill Ruml

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY from the St. Joseph Parish Family to Clarice Heller on the death of her sister, Florence Ahlers, 95, of Granville, who died Wed., April 7. Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Mon, April 12.



ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

April 10-11, 2021

Weekly Env: \$7,384.00

Loose: \$522.00

Peace & Justice: \$120.00

Online Ministry: \$500.00

Rice Bowl: \$

Cemetery Sales: \$500.00

Infirm & Retired Priests: \$250.00

Memorial: \$300.00

Holy Land: \$30.00

Easter Gift to St. Joseph: \$460.00

Misc.: \$608.00